

## EDMUND LOWE AND RICHARD LOWE

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Mr. FEIGHAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 578]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 578) for the relief of Edmund Lowe and Richard Lowe, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to deem Edmund and Richard Lowe to be the minor children of their United States citizen mother.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiaries of the bill are 27- and 24-year-old brothers who are natives and citizens of China. They were born in China at a time when their mother had relinquished her United States citizenship by marrying their father, a native Chinese. In 1936 the mother regained her United States citizenship and is now married to a native-born citizen of the United States. The beneficiaries are high-school graduates and are living in Hong Kong with their uncle and aunt.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated August 25, 1954, to the then chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service with reference to S. 3333 which was a bill pending in the 83d Congress for the relief of the same beneficiaries reads as follows:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,  
Washington, D. C., August 25, 1954.

Hon. WILLIAM LANGER,  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR: In response to your request of the Department of Justice for a report relative to the bill (S. 3333) for the relief of Edmund Lowe and Richard Lowe, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiaries. This memorandum has been prepared from the Immigration and Naturalization Service files relating to the beneficiaries by the Charleston, S. C., office of this Service, which has custody of those files.

The bill is intended to confer nonquota status upon the aliens pursuant to sections 101 (a) (27) (A) and 205 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, by providing that the aliens shall be considered to be the minor children of their mother, Mrs. Sam Lee Jue, a citizen of the United States.

As minor children of a United States citizen, the aliens would be entitled to nonquota status in the issuance of immigrant visas.

Sincerely,

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"MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE EDMUND AND RICHARD LOWE, BENEFICIARIES OF S. 3333"

"The beneficiaries, Edmund Lowe, also known as Lowe Ka Hung, and Richard Lowe, also known as Lowe Ka Tai, are adult persons, natives and citizens of China, born January 3, 1928, and May 9, 1931, respectively, in Canton, China. Neither of the beneficiaries has ever been in the United States and are presently residing with their aunt and uncle, Rev. and Mrs. Cheung Shui Kwai, whose address is the Bishop's House, Hong Kong, China.

"The beneficiaries are both graduates of high school in Hong Kong and are presently engaged in some employment or activity, in the city of Hong Kong. Edmund Lowe is presently engaged as a cab dispatcher and Richard Lowe is engaged as an apprentice or trainee with the Seventh Day Adventist Church and desires to study for the ministry.

"According to information furnished by Mrs. Sam Lee Jue, the mother of the beneficiaries, neither of the beneficiaries, has ever been arrested or charged with any crime or violation of law or has ever been a member of any social or political organization.

"Mrs. Sam Lee Jue was born a citizen of the United States on October 24, 1901, in Los Angeles, Calif., and subsequently lost her United States citizenship through marriage to her former husband. It was during such time that the beneficiaries were born in Canton, China. Subsequently, Mrs. Jue regained her United States citizenship in the United States district court in Los Angeles, Calif., on September 25, 1936.

"Mr. Sam Lee Jue, stepfather of the beneficiaries, is a native United States citizen born April 5, 1896, in San Francisco, Calif. He is a well-known businessman in Augusta, Ga., having resided there for over 30 years. He owns property, buildings, and other resources valued in excess of \$75,000."

Senator Olin D. Johnston, the author of the bill, submitted the following information in connection with the case:

UNITED STATES SENATE,  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,  
April 27, 1955.

Hon. HARLEY M. KILGORE,  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization,  
Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR KILGORE: I am writing this letter in support of S. 578, which was introduced on January 21, 1955, for the relief of Edmund and Richard Lowe, having for the purposes of the Immigration and Naturalization Act, that each of these two boys should be held and considered the minor children of their mother, Mrs. Sam Lee Jue, who is a citizen of the United States now residing at 214 East Vineland Road, Augusta, Ga. As the minor children of Mrs. Jue, a United States citizen, the boys would be entitled to nonquota status in the issuance of immigrant visas.

The bill, S. 578, is now pending, with the report of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, in the Subcommittee on Immigration and I should like for it to be considered at the next scheduled meeting. An identical bill, S. 3333, was not reported during the last session of Congress, and I am most anxious to avoid further delay.

It has been 9 years, as a consequence of the war and the administrative difficulties involved in obtaining either a visitor's permit or an immigration visa since the mother has seen her two sons. In the United States they would live in the home with their mother and stepfather, whom I know, and they would be provided with a good Christian atmosphere and the maximum of economic security. Mr. Jue, a native of the United States, is a well-known businessman in Augusta, Ga., and has resided there for 30 years. He owns property, buildings, and other resources valued in excess of \$75,000, and he would provide suitable employment for both Edmund and Richard Lowe.

I shall greatly appreciate any action which may be taken to expedite the approval of this bill.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

OLIN D. JOHNSTON.

Mr. Riley, the author of a companion bill (H. R. 7199), appeared before a subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary and recommended the favorable consideration of this measure.

In addition the committee received the following letter, which was addressed to Representative Forrester:

OFFICE OF JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURTS,  
THE AUGUSTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
Augusta, Ga., December 15, 1955.

Congressman E. L. FORRESTER,  
*Leesburg, Ga.*

DEAR MR. FORRESTER: I am interested in the passage of private bill No. S. 578, which was passed by the Senate on June 27, 1955.

This bill is in the interest of Edmund Lowe and Richard Lowe, stepsons of Sam Lee Jue, of Augusta. They are presently in China and the purpose of the bill is to enable them to join their mother and stepfather in Augusta.

Mr. Jue is one of our most representative merchants and it has been my pleasure to know and deal with him for 30 years. He is a substantial businessman and is the owner of business and considerable real estate. He is in position to afford these sons employment and there is no likelihood of them becoming charges on the community. He is in a position to offer them a good home in a good neighborhood and to surround them with a good, wholesome, Christian atmosphere.

I shall appreciate any effort you make toward bringing this bill to a favorable conclusion.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

F. FREDERICK KENNEDY.

Upon consideration of all the facts in this case, the committee is of the opinion that S. 578 should be enacted and, accordingly, recommends that the bill do pass.

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